

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. - 8. (canceled)

9. (new) A cable comprising one or more electrical conductors, communications media or a core, each electrical conductor, communications medium, or core being surrounded by a layer comprising:

- (a) a linear low density polyethylene resin;
- (b) an ethylene/ethyl acrylate copolymer resin;
- (c) carbon nanotubes present in an amount such that the weight ratio of carbon nanotubes to the total weight of components (a) and (b) is at least about 1:7;
- (d) a conductive carbon black other than carbon nanotubes, the carbon black present in an amount such that the weight ratio of carbon black to the total weight of components (a) and (b) is about 1.9:7; and
- (e) optionally, (i) a copolymer of acrylonitrile and butadiene wherein the acrylonitrile is present in an amount of about 30 to about 60 percent by weight based on the weight of the copolymer or (ii) a silicone rubber.

10. (new) The cable defined in claim 1 wherein the layer is a semiconducting shield and component (c) is present in an amount of about 14 to about 100 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the total weight of component (a) and component (b).